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TO

Amend the Law relating to certain Processions in Ireland. A.D. 1870.

WHEREAS numbers of persons have been in the practice of assembling and marching together in procession in Ireland in a manner calculated to create and perpetuate animosities between different classes of Her Majesty's subjects, and to endanger the public peace, and to promote and encourage treason or sedition:

Be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

10 1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as "The Processions (Ireland) Act, 1870." Short title.

2. This Act shall extend to Ireland only.

3. In the construction of this Act—

15 The term "Lord Lieutenant" shall mean the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Lords Justices or other Chief Governor or Governors of Ireland for the time being: Limitation of Act.  
Interpretation.  
"Lord Lieutenant."

The terms "Chief Secretary" and "Under Secretary" shall mean respectively the Chief Secretary and Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. "Chief Secretary."

20 4. Every assembly of persons who, without lawful authority in that behalf from Her Majesty, shall meet and parade together or join in procession, and who shall bear or have amongst them or any of them any fire-arms or other offensive weapons, and every procession or parading together of persons which may be calculated or  
25 tend to provoke animosity between different classes of Her Majesty's subjects, or to provoke a breach of the peace, or to promote, propagate, or encourage treason or sedition, shall be unlawful assemblies, and every person present thereat shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished  
30 accordingly; and every such unlawful assembly may be suppressed,

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Unlawful assemblies.

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Power to  
Lord Lie-  
tenant to  
prohibit  
unlawful  
assemblies.

dispersed, and dealt with in all respects as any riot may now by law be suppressed, dispersed, and dealt with.

5. If it appears to the Lord Lieutenant that any persons intend to meet and parade together or join in procession, and if in the opinion of the Lord Lieutenant such meeting and parading together 5 or joining in procession would be calculated or tend to provoke animosity between different classes of Her Majesty's subjects, or to provoke a breach of the peace, or to promote, propagate, or encourage treason or sedition, it shall be lawful for the Lord Lieutenant, by an order in that behalf signed by him or the Chief or Under Secretary, 10 of which public notice shall be given by posting a copy thereof upon every police barrack or upon some other conspicuous place or places within the district to be affected by such proclamation, to prohibit such meeting and parading together or joining in procession, and if such meeting and parading together or joining in 15 procession shall take place after the same shall be so prohibited the same shall be an unlawful assembly, and every person present thereto shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof punished accordingly; and every such unlawful assembly as is in this section mentioned may be dispersed, suppressed, and 20 suppressed, or dealt with.

Upon the trial of any indictment under this section for any such misdemeanor the question as to the sufficiency of such public notice shall be determined by the judge or justices presiding at each trial. 25

Repeal of  
13 & 14 Vict.  
c. 2.

6. From and after the passing of this Act, the Act passed in the thirteenth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter two, intitled "An Act to restrain party processions in Ireland," shall be and the same is hereby repealed.



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